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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/26/03; 3/15/04; & 8/27/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-13, 15-27, and 29-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Prasad (6,748,561).

Regarding claims 1-5, 7-11, 15-19, 21-25, and 29-36, Prasad, as shown in figures, 1A-4, teaches a method and apparatus for transmitting and receiving the digital data comprising interleaving (Fig. 2A) and de-interleaving (Fig. 2B) the digital signal, wherein the writing and reading functions of interleaving and de-interleaving are performed in non-sequential addressing scheme. See also column 2, lines 14-61; column 3, line 48 to column 9, line 57 and column 12, lines 5-7.

Regarding claims 6, 12, 20, and 26, Prasad does not explicitly disclose scrambling the bits; however, it is the inherent function of interleaving to scramble the input bits during the operation.

Regarding claims 13 and 27, Prasad further teaches channel coding the bits before interleaving. See figure 1A and column 1, lines 41-51.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 14 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prasad (6,748,561) in view of Dent (6,944,206).

Prasad teaches all subject matter claimed except for scrambling the bits before writing the bits to the matrix. See explanation of paragraph 2 above.

However, Dent, from the same field of endeavor, teaches scrambling the bits before interleaving (writing). See column 8, lines 41-45 of Dent. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Prasad by employing the teaching of Dent so that the more robust signals and protection against noises can be achieved.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. References Zhang (6,785,862), Eroze et al (6,963,622), and Easton et al (6,985,516) are cited because they are pertinent to method and apparatus for transmitting and receiving digital signal having interleaving and de-interleaving.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DON N. VO whose telephone number is (571) 272-3018. The examiner can normally be reached on MON - FRI (9:00-6:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JAY PATEL can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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